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Miss Sarah Abby Tilley

Dear Abby

I have not forgotten you although I have not written to you for a long time. I have been very busy with my studies and have had little time for writing. I hope you are well and happy. I am well and happy. I have been to see the new steamboat that is being built here. It is very large and will be able to carry many passengers and much freight. I have also been to see the new church that is being built. It is very beautiful and will be a great ornament to the town. I have also been to see the new school that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many children. I have also been to see the new hotel that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many guests. I have also been to see the new theatre that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many people. I have also been to see the new library that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many books. I have also been to see the new museum that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many curiosities. I have also been to see the new park that is being laid out. It is very large and will be a great ornament to the town. I have also been to see the new bridge that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many carriages. I have also been to see the new railroad that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many trains. I have also been to see the new canal that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many boats. I have also been to see the new lighthouse that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many ships. I have also been to see the new fort that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many soldiers. I have also been to see the new prison that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many prisoners. I have also been to see the new asylum that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many lunatics. I have also been to see the new poorhouse that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many paupers. I have also been to see the new cemetery that is being laid out. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many graves. I have also been to see the new monument that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many visitors. I have also been to see the new statue that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many admirers. I have also been to see the new fountain that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many drinkers. I have also been to see the new clock that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many watchers. I have also been to see the new thermometer that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many readers. I have also been to see the new barometer that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many readers. I have also been to see the new hygrometer that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many readers. I have also been to see the new anemometer that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many readers. I have also been to see the new rain gauge that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many readers. I have also been to see the new snow gauge that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many readers. I have also been to see the new hail gauge that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many readers. I have also been to see the new dew gauge that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many readers. I have also been to see the new frost gauge that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many readers. I have also been to see the new ice gauge that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many readers. I have also been to see the new snow gauge that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many readers. I have also been to see the new hail gauge that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many readers. I have also been to see the new dew gauge that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many readers. I have also been to see the new frost gauge that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many readers. I have also been to see the new ice gauge that is being built. It is very large and will be able to accommodate many readers.

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Pray tell me who keeps the office for the
Old Masters. Lady Eastlake, or the
Committee of Fine Arts? I read
that last, but she knows nothing
about it. I left London before
the meeting. Miss Smith regret not
to have seen you & met your friends. I owed
visit. We are miles from here, & the
lanes make a lady who will take it
unkindly if she is not included in every
thing. Miss Smith is to do. She has a house-
full of young people who must also accomm-

[illegible] is great. But still
I cannot say that my friend
his Patriarchs [illegible] is the best of lions[?]
[illegible]
that Uncle Tom's Cabin is as
great a production of human [illegible]
in a literary point of view,
or a greater one than the
Pilgrim's Progress. This honestly
[illegible] I myself accept to
one of two confidential friends
[illegible] asked to do the
fact that I did not think
Ashley Kelly eloquent. I love
her with all my heart the
beautiful [illegible] elevated creature
I could not say that I thought
Corinna more brilliant
[illegible] stupid in comparison
I admire at the effect the
[illegible] [illegible], none the less that

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Pardon such a crossed & inked Scroll. I had no idea when I began, of having time to write a page, but as I am not yet interrupted I will go on. I am thinking continually of the Fair, & wonder how much they made by it, & how their healths all held out. (for it is a murderous concern — My darling Mrs Chapman just as truly lost her life by it as if she had been shot in the trenches ~~during a siege~~ — & so did Susan Rand, on coloms a friend — & so did others I could name.) Remember me most affectionately to your father. I grieve over his being attacked

by my colonyzation nigger
as I will indulge myself in
calling him, – not because of
his colour, but to illustrate to
you the way in which the
word negro is used nick as
as the lowest term of contempt.
This colonyzation nigger has since
sent me a conceited cock & hare
of a little young man who is as
Anne Morton used to say,
Learning to Sculp; begging me
to introduce him to all the Literar
y Society of Paris, & furnishin
at the same time with a letter
to Henry Clapp. I advised not
to make the acquaintance of a
profligate vicious low fellow of
that description; and asked him
what I could really do for him
For as he could not speak one
word of French, it was idle to

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talk of Society of course. More
especially literary society. I
come only to let him [illegible]
[illegible] man of [illegible] dance
[illegible] as he [illegible]
on, as he could not dance,
more than he could speak.
But it is a great thing for
a musician here to talk. He talks
to look on & listen. He who can
do that is pretty well fitted
for society in that salon.
taken ~~a~~ engaged a horse [illegible]
great while to learn it
dance. Myself the work is
Making him as happy as
[illegible] for one evening [illegible] or
to enjoy myself how I could
serve him. He told me the thing
that he really needed was to get
admittance to the ateliers of

the Sculptors here & I have given him a letter to one of the most distinguished young men "in that line" as the Yankees say; What will come of it I know not, but when Providence sends me a young person, it seems to me a command to help it all I can, even though the medium which Providence has chosen would not be of my own choosing. Saad in the Arabian Nights entertainments, pulled up a piece of lead, & it sank the net that caught the fish, that yielded the diamond

that made Saad's fortune.
So Daniel Lamy may
have brought me Marshall
Woods, who may prove a
second Phineas. I only hope
he won't borrow money
of the chefs d'atelier, when
he is admitted.

I have seen to night
Madame Meynier, who has
heard nothing from Mrs
Michell & feels anxious about
her. I have written to
her as well as to you & Mr
Esthus) since I have heard
from any of you. Do not
take this as fault finding that
I have not heard from you -
it is merely mentioned the